

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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TO: The Director

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT: Stilettos That Boomerang

REMARKS:

One of our Vietnamese Communist adversaries' more irritating attributes (which, professionally, it is hard not to admire, however grudgingly) is their ability to field the fast hop of a news break -- picking it up, twisting it and relaying it promptly for propaganda/psywar advantage. The attached is a case in point. It comes close to home, but I thought you would want to see it. The Communists have taken the leaked stories of your impending departure, blended in some of the stiletto-work published speculation on the reasons therefor, and served the brew right back to their target audiences as "proof" of their cause's invincibility. Those who leaked and/or printed the original story about you and/or the follow-up "speculation" would, of course, be shocked and outraged at any suggestion that their actions might have given aid and comfort to this republic's enemies.

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